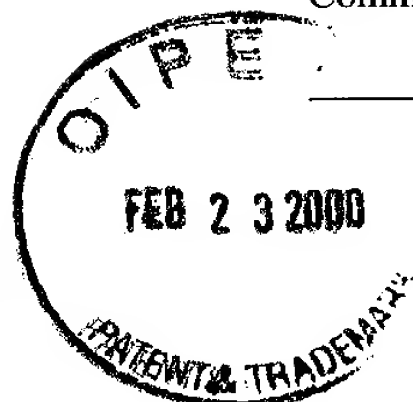


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction and election of species requirement mailed 01/19/00, Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 10-33) and Sequence IDs 17, 24-28, and 29-32, without traverse.

If there are any outstanding issues on this response, the Examiner is invited to call Gordon Stewart at (650) 236-2386.

Respectfully submitted

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